



Our Lady of the Lakes

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

SINCE 1990 | NEW MILFORD, CT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:00am
Monday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am

MORNING PRAYER

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 4:00 -4:30pm
and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office for information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements for marriage are made at least six months before the marriage date.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Is the priesthood for you?
Call: Office of Vocations (860) 242-5573
or visit: www.vocationshartford.org

PASTOR

Rev. Gerald H. Dziedzic

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Chacko Kumplam

PARISH STAFF

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Kim G. Buser, Secretary

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Karen O'Donnell, Director of Religious Ed.

Margaret Fitzgerald, Music Ministry Leader

Anne Flynn, Youth Minister

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"We the people of Our Lady of the Lakes are called to live and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through Eucharistic celebration and adoration. We strive to build a community of faith by the recognition of the God-given dignity of the human person and the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, and to be disciples committed to carrying out the mission of Jesus in our own time and place. We collaborate freely through the use of time, talent and treasure to be a parish of true stewardship and human development."



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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MASSt INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 2

5:00 p.m. Edward Cull

Req. by Ralph & Noreen Toscano

Sunday, January 3

8:30a.m. eileen Cleary

Req. by Eleanor Kirk

10:00 a.m. Jim La Silva

Req. by Heliett Sanchez

Monday, January 4

9:00 a.m. Allyson Mascali

Req. by her mother

Thursday, January 7

5:00 p.m. Helen McMahon

Req. by John & Jeannie Hickey

Friday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Dorothy McKenna

Req. by Louise Kaufmann

Saturday, January 9

5:00 p.m. Roz Pricola

Req. by her daughter & family

Week of January 9 & 10

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

E.M.'s K. O'Donnell, S. Guagenti

Greeters

Lector S. Hoose

Usher J. O'Donnell

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

E.M.'s S. Keaney, T. Sweeney

Greeters

Lector S. Paduano

Usher J. Klous/T. Sweeney

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

E.M.'s G. Urso, L. Ross

Greeters

Lector R. Portelance

Usher M. Barberio



Altar Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event. Call the parish office at (860)354-5239 to check availability of a date for 2021.

Our offertory for the weekend of:

December 19/20, 2020 was \$2141.00. Thank you to all our parish families for their support during these difficult times.

Readings for week of January 3, 2021:

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8,10-11,12-13, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

2020 Tax Statements

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2020 contributions for tax purposes, please call the office at (860)354-5239. If it is after regular business hours, you may leave a message on the answering machine or email your request to ourladyofthelakes@aohct.org. Please note: only registered parishioners who use the envelopes or checks can receive this letter.



Please join us on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Church, 3 Old Town Park Road in New Milford, as we pray the rosary in Portuguese.

Junte-se a nós nas noites de segunda-feira às 17h30. na Igreja de Nossa Senhora dos Lagos, 3 Old Town Park Road em New Milford, enquanto rezamos o terço em português.

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION OF SUNDAY MASS

The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass has been extended THROUGH Tuesday, February 16, 2021

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Are you being called ...

The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do you have to give? Is God calling you to be a priest, brother, or sister? Call Fr. Michael Case, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, email vocations@aohct.org or visit www.hartfordpriest.com

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



Your safety is the of the utmost importance to us. Your common sense is the best factor when deciding to attend Mass.

Daily Mass will be cancelled *ONLY* if the New Milford Public Schools are Closed or on full remote learning due to inclement weather. Check the television news to confirm this information.

Weekend & Holy Day Masses will be held as scheduled unless the Governor declares a State of Emergency.

Parish Office & Office of Religious Education will be closed if the New Milford Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather. If there is a two hour delay the office will also delay opening by two hours.

Religious Education Teachers: Education 20-21

Religious Education Teachers, please email Karen O'Donnell your preferred day and time for class meetings. Indicate if your class will be meeting in the Church building or a virtual class meeting. Home based group meetings will not be possible for this school year.

If you have not registered your child for the upcoming year please call the office.



“We Three Kings”: Wise Men Indeed!”

Who were these guys? Were they kings? Were they astrologers? Were they simply very smart people?

The Gospels don't tell us much, except that they weren't Jews, they were Gentiles and they brought three gifts: Gold; a gift given to a king by a king, for it was a symbol of royalty. Frankincense, the finest incense, which was something used then and now by the High Priest, for sacrifice. Giving it to Jesus meant they recognized Him as the 'High Priest'. The third gift was Myrrh which was something used to embalm bodies for burial. To be sure, an unusual gift to give a baby. Mary and Joseph must have wondered about that gift!

We learned their names not from the Bible, but from folklore. They are Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar. The fact that they came from “far off lands”, shows the depth and scope of the “Good News” proclaimed by the angels. They were followers of the Persian Zarathustra and were used to ‘miraculous events’. They were watchers of “all things in the heavens above”, so they made their journey following a star until they found “The Star” to end all stars! Traditionally, we celebrate Epiphany on the 12th Day of Christmas; for the convenience of the people, Epiphany has been moved to the nearest Sunday.

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Psalm 91: 4
John 11: 25
Hebrews 12: 1-2

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